

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT  
WESTERN DIVISION**

**United States of America,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**Case No. 3:18-CR-186  
Judge Thomas M. Rose**

**Brian Higgins,**

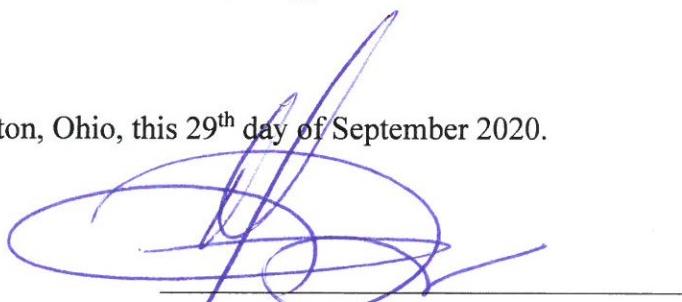
**Defendant.**

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Defendant's Motion for Appointment of Co-Counsel (ECF No. 42). The Court deems this case extremely difficult and finds that in the interests of justice the appointment of an additional attorney is necessary. The Court finds Defendant's Motion for Appointment of Co-Counsel (ECF No. 42) is well-taken and **GRANTS** the same.

**IT IS THE ORDER OF THE COURT** that attorney Paul Laufman, of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel for the Southern District of Ohio, be appointed as Co-Counsel as of September 23, 2020.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Dayton, Ohio, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "THOMAS M. ROSE", is written over a large, stylized blue oval. Below the signature, a horizontal line is followed by the typed name "THOMAS M. ROSE, JUDGE" and "UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT".